GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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RADIATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a network of radiation emergency response centres in different parts of the country to deal with nuclear emergency situations;

(b) if so, the details of the broad features thereof alongwith the cost involved;

(c) the benefits that are likely to be accrued as a result thereof; and

(d) the time by which such centres are likely to be operational in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

a) Yes,Sir.

b) Government has set-up eighteen Emergency Response Centres (DAE-ERCs) at various installations of Department of Atomic Energy across the country at a cost of Rs.10.00 crore.The DAE-ERCs are having various radiation monitoring systems for quick assessment of radiological status by radiation safety experts of DAE.Cost of maintenance of various monitoring systems and training is about Rs.30.00 lakh per annum.

c) DAE-ERCs will help in advising and aiding the Local Administration and Security agencies in taking appropriate counter/rescue measures to meet unforeseen eventualities of nuclear/radiological emergencies affecting the public domain in addition to helping Emergency Response Team (ERT) to respond in time for the above situations.

d) All these 18 DAE-ERCs are operational and upgradation in terms of Radiation Monitoring System/Protective Gear is an ongoing process.